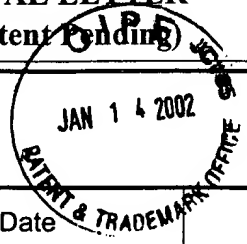


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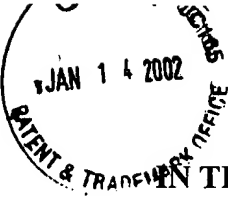
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REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2001. The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Claims 1-12 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are not proper and therefore should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,922,347 ("*Hausler*"). Claims 1-12 and 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of *Hausler*. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is based on a failure to properly consider the claims as they are currently pending.

Of the claims that have been rejected, Claims 1, 7, and 19 are the only independent claims. Each one of these claims provides a method of delivering a medicament or a method of reducing the amount of an agent necessary to achieve an effect on an individual including the step for providing a chewing gum "consisting of ingredients selected from the group consisting of elastomers, resins, fats, oils, softeners, fillers, waxes, colorants, antioxidants, plasticizers,